

In the Claims:

1. (canceled)

2. (currently amended) A cutting disc core for a circular saw blade comprising:

a circular shaped body having a center hole of a certain size and a continuous peripheral edge, said peripheral edge adapted to having cutting segments mounted thereon;

63 a plurality of slits formed within said body located directly adjacent said center hole, said slits defining a generally circular configuration surrounding said center hole and located directly adjacent said center hole, said slits form a circular ring integrally connected to said body by a plurality of solid tabs, whereby said circular ring can be physically removed from said body by breaking of said tabs thereby increasing the certain size of said center hole to permit mounting of said body on a larger sized arbor of a sawing machine; and

~~The cutting disc core as defined in Claim 1 wherein:~~

each said slit having ends which define radially outward extensions with there being a said tab integrally formed with said body between an extension of one said slit and an extension of an adjacent other said slit.

3. (currently amended) A cutting disc core for a circular saw blade comprising:

a circular shaped body having a center hole of a certain size and a continuous peripheral edge, said peripheral edge adapted to having cutting segments mounted thereon;

63 a plurality of slits formed within said body located directly adjacent said center hole, said slits defining a generally circular configuration surrounding said center hole and located directly adjacent said center hole, said slits form a circular ring integrally connected to said body by a plurality of solid tabs, whereby said circular ring can be physically removed from said body by breaking of said tabs thereby increasing the certain size of said center hole to permit mounting of said body on a larger sized arbor of a sawing machine; and

~~The cutting disc core as defined in Claim 1 wherein:~~

each said tab having a radially outward portion that is smaller in width than a base of said tab located in alignment with said slits, whereby breaking of each said tab to occur at said radially outward portion since the radially outward portion is weaker than said base because the radially outward portion is shorter in width than said base.

Claims 4-5 (canceled)

Amendment to CUTTING DISC CORE FOR A SAW BLADE
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6. (currently amended) A cutting disc core for a circular saw blade comprising:

a circular shaped body having a center hole defined by a bushing, said bushing being removably connected to said body by a plurality of frangible connections each of which are integral with said body; and

~~The cutting disc core as defined in Claim 5 wherein:~~

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each said frangible connection having a base located closest to said center hole and a radially outward portion located furthest from said center hole, breaking of said frangible connection to occur at said radially outward portion with no portion of the material that remains by said breaking connecting with said center hole.

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7. (original) The cutting disc core as defined in Claim 6 wherein:

there being at least three in number of said tabs.
